



THE ECTON VIEW
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Cover Photo:- Taken by John Crane,
'Starship to control - I have a problem!'
A rather lost Co-op delivery drone on the
flooded paths of the Pocket park in January

Ecton Church Lottery		
Winners for December 2023		
1 st Prize	£50	Maggie Mulvey
2 nd Prize	£25	Carol & Robert East
Winners for January 2024		
1 st Prize	£50	Betty Shearing
2 nd Prize	£25	Jane & Ian Wilson

Editors Note

Welcome to the first Ecton View of 2024. The editorial team have enjoyed the break, the balmy weather and the usual Ecton Seasonal delights. But we have been back in training for the past 2 days and are mostly fit and raring to go. There is no doubt that January appears to be the longest month of the year, but the daylight hours are gradually increasing and the village is coming out of hibernation. So much so that we can let you know of some events that will definitely bring some warmth to your souls.

The Safari Supper is back with a new date, Saturday 8th June 2024. If you are new to the village it's a great way of meeting other Ectonites and being welcomed into your fellow neighbours homes! More details in this magazine

If you can't wait until then, the 18th February see's the return of Anita's Famous Toast Sunday at the Three Horseshoes. If you've not been before pop along, Anita will be toasting lots of wonderful things, on a roaring open fire, with lashing of real butter, lots of different spreads & toppings and even some Brixworth Paté. All proceeds made on the day go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

There are also two more Winter Lunch Club events planned in February & March, excellent food and a good excuse for a chat.... At £2.50 each

See you in March

Wendy

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Ecton Village News & Information

EGO's

Ego's plan is to meet on the third Friday every month, to enjoy meals and trips together and most of all enjoy each other's company. Our numbers are growing and most months 50+ people come together.

We will meet again on February 23rd 2024, change of date due to village events.

THE WINTER LUNCH CLUB

Following the success of the first winter lunch club we are pleased to release further dates as follows:

Tuesday February 6th

Tuesday March 5th

Please come and join us at the Village Hall for lunch and hot drinks, an opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours in a warm space. Just £2.50, everyone welcome.

CHURCHYARD TIDY

The next Churchyard Tidy will be on Saturday morning 3rd February, then 2nd March. Throughout 2023 we have been delighted with the help we have received to keep the churchyard looking good - grass cutting, flower-bed maintenance, clipping back, maintenance of the wilder areas, clearance of gullies etc. It is an important space but it does take a lot of looking after - so thank you to everyone who has helped.

ECTON WALKS 2024

It is nice to see new people joining this group over the course of 2023. If you would like to join the mailing list please let me know. - nigelbond@talktalk.net. Its a great way to meet new people, chatter and enjoy the countryside all at the same time. The next walks will be on Wednesday 14th and Wednesday 28th February, the first around Harrod Country Park and the village - an easy walk on good paths. Details will be sent via email beforehand.

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

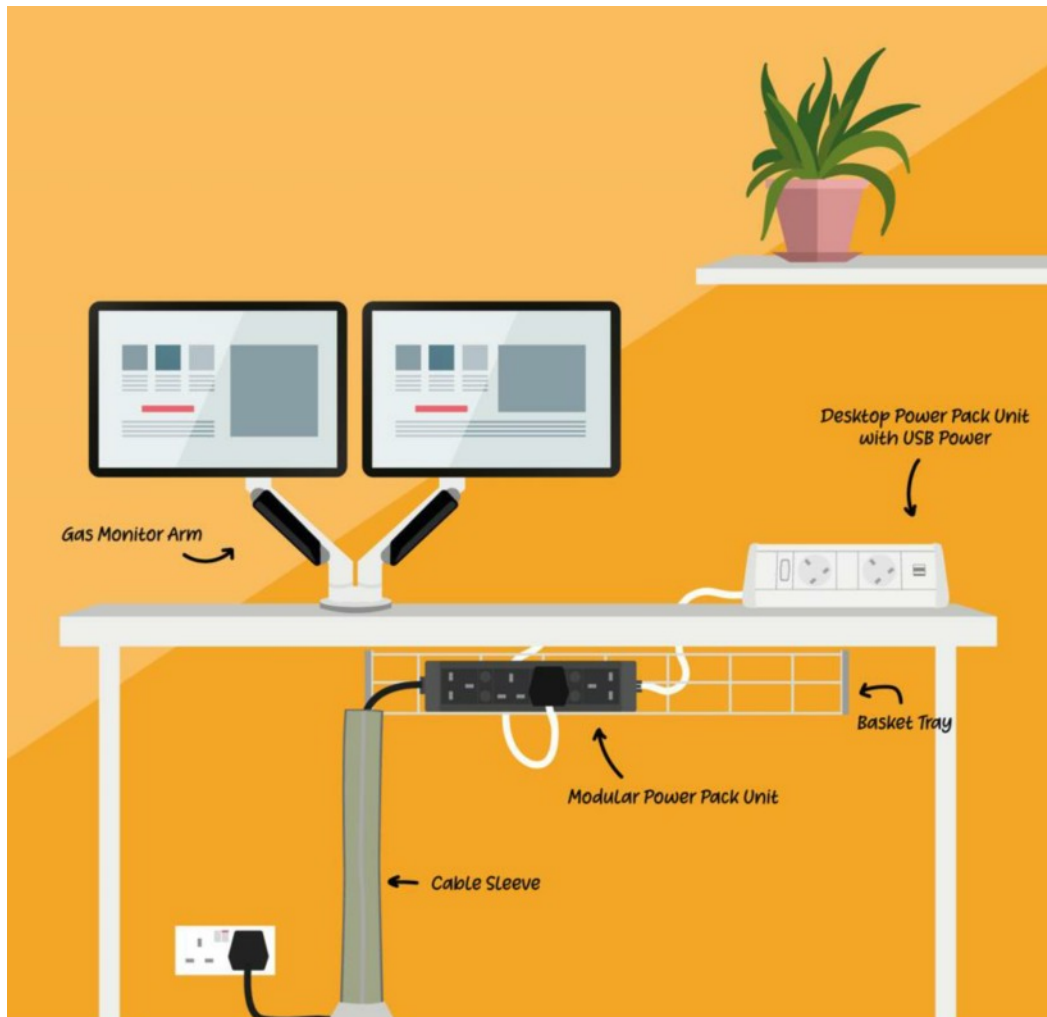
There are still vacancies for a Parish Councillor at Ecton Parish Council, for all those that are interested, please email the Parish Clerk at clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk.

You can obtain a full copy of the latest Parish Council Minutes. Email: clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk

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Pew Cushions

A huge thank you to all who have sponsored the new pew cushions in church. We have received enough sponsorship to put cushions in all pews up the central aisle. The cushions are now in place so do come and have a look sometime. If you would like to donate towards further cushions in the side aisles please contact Joy Bondjoybond@talktalk.net.



Ecton Services for February 2024

Sun 4th Feb	No Service at Ecton. Please join us at one of our other churches 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	Wilby Gt Doddington
Tues 6 th Feb	10am Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 11th Feb	9.30am Holy Communion	Ecton
Tues 14 th Feb	7.30pm Holy Communion	Wilby
Sun 18th Feb	9.30am Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 25th Feb	11am Morning Prayer	Ecton

Rector's Letter February 2024



The month of February can be a mixed one weather wise. An old saying tells us "*it will come in black or white*" indicating a wet few weeks of either rain or snow and while the days are slowly getting longer there is a way to go before the warmer weather arrives. That said there are signs of spring all around us, with snowdrops and daffodils pushing their way through the cold earth to brighten the dullest of days, although for some reason our winter aconites are yet to appear this year.

February also sees the beginning of Lent. Easter is very early this year, being celebrated on Sunday 31st March. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is on 14th February. There will be a service in Wilby church at 7.30pm where we will be reminded of our own mortality and our need of repentance, saying sorry for the things we have done wrong, and asking for God's forgiveness.

Lent is a period of 40 days (46 if you include Sundays) reminding us of the time Jesus spent in the wilderness before his public ministry began. It is also an opportunity to set aside time to think about Jesus' life, ministry and sacrifice, and the way we are living our own lives, as we wait to celebrate his resurrection at Easter.

This year Ash Wednesday coincides with St Valentine's Day, a day to celebrate love. It is through the love of God that we have the world in which we live and through the sacrifice of his Son that we receive forgiveness and eternal life in heaven. Jesus came to bring light into darkness and new life for all. As we make our way through the darkness of February and Lent let us hold onto the promise of light and new life to come which hopefully will also include some winter aconites!

Yours in Christ,
Revd. Jackie Buck
01933 631232 jackiebuck@hotmail.co.uk



Winter Lunch Club @ EVH

Get together with friends &
neighbours at Ecton Village Hall
and enjoy comfort food & hot drinks
in a warm space.

11.30am to 2.30pm

February 6th, March 5th

£2.50 per person everybody welcome ::



Come and support the Village Hall

Disco & Supper
to be held on
Saturday 16th March
Everyone Welcome
More details next month

Craig Wright Memorial Charity Skittles

Thanks to everyone who supported our Charity Skittles events last year, helpers, players and all the staff at The Three Horseshoes.

You raised an amazing £1025 for Wellingborough Dog Welfare Charity, this was presented to them and will help immensely with all their bills, as they are entirely self funded.

We look forward to seeing you all again this year, we will be running 3 skittles events at The Three Horseshoes, the chosen charity will be Alzheimer's Northampton.

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Dementia Sings Out

An immense heartfelt Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal for the Dementia Sings Out Christmas Party.

Several people felt moved to support me in the effort to provide party food and disposable table ware and in fact I was able to fund both of those requirements and still had £30 in the purse to donate to the charity which seems to give so much pleasure to so many dementia sufferers in the Wellingborough area.

On Thursday December 16th more than 150 people together with their Carers, either from their Homes or with members of their family attended a wonderful Christmas party enjoying both your generosity, and the hard work of all the Trustees, members of the Wellingborough Community Gospel Choir and in addition both BBC Look East and Anglia News who attended and gave us air and viewing time. BBC Radio Northampton and Heart Radio were also present and featured us in their programmes before Christmas. I hope that many of you will have seen us on the television or heard us on the radio.

The whole morning was joyous!

Together we have helped to raise the profile of this very prevalent and seemingly untreatable modern day disease and I am so very grateful to so many friends here in this lovely village for supporting me in such a worthwhile cause.

Do remember as we move further into yet another new year that you are more than welcome to come along to The Compass Church at Meadow Close, Wellingborough NN8 4BH.

We meet each Thursday morning between 10.30am and 12pm concluding with coffee and biscuits.

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Sheila Ingram

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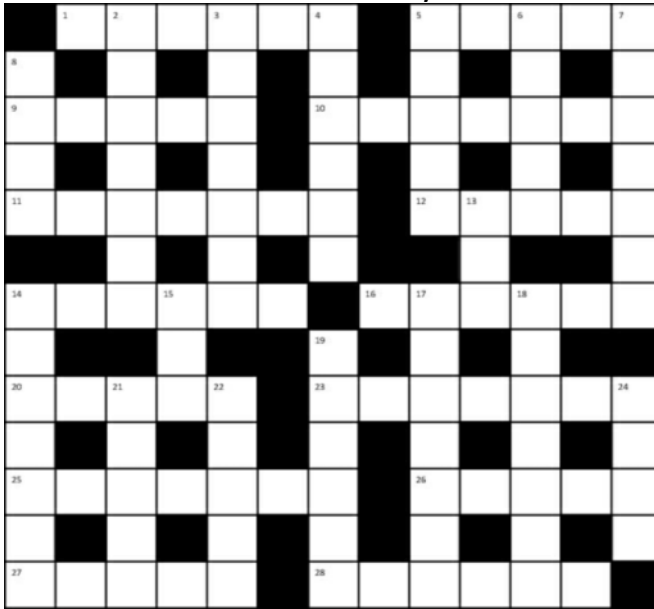
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Ecton Crossword - February 2024



Clues marked * are all related to an animal which will be very important for people in China from January 10th. The rest of the clues are normal.

Across

- 1 See 5 Down
- 5 Guards gold in The Hobbit * (5)
- 9 Russian mountain range (5)
- 10 Someone from Santiago (7)
- 11 Vitamin B9 (7)
- 12 Alternate spelling of Russian emperors (5)
- 14 What Stieg Larsson's girl had * (6)
- 16 Circus tent (3,3)
- 20 Go in like Bruce Lee * (5)
- 23 Green, red and white in this game * (3,4)
- 25 Someone making garments from wool (7)
- 26 Italian red (5)
- 27 Played at Rodney Parade * (5)
- 28 Daenerys Targaryen's relationship * (6)

Down

- 2 Shoulder patch (7)
- 3 Italian rice dish (7)
- 4 Try to justify (6)
- 5 & Killer * (5,6)
- 1A
- 6 Mother wolf in The Jungle Book (5)
- 7 Groups together against (5,2)
- 8 Lived by the sea * (4)
- 13 Accident prone yungster * (3)
- 14 Hiker over a long distance (7)
- 15 Golf peg (3)
- 17 Receive as an heir (7)
- 18 Dustin Hoffman 1982 film (7)
- 19 Abbreviation for non-professional theatre (2-4)
- 21 Entity (5)
- 22 Mole and Badger's friend (5)
- 24 Sailors' drink (4)

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Crossword design and construction:
Alistair MacRae

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Friday 2 nd Feb..	Green Bin	Friday 1 st Mar.	Green Bin
Friday 9 th Feb.	Black Bin	Friday 8 th Mar.	Black Bin
Friday 16 th Feb.	Green Bin	Friday 15 th Mar.	Green Bin
Friday 23 rd Feb.	Black Bin	Friday 22 nd Mar.	Black Bin
		Friday 29 th Mar.	Green Bin

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Saturday 15th June 2024

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Who can take part? Everyone! It's a great way to meet friends and neighbours – particularly if you are new to Ecton. Numbers are limited to 64 people so initially, tickets on sale for Ecton residents only.

What do I have to do? We do need people to host a main course or a pudding for 8 people, or to bring a plate of canapés to the pre-dinner drinks house. If you haven't hosted before you'll be extra welcome! It's not a cookery competition – simple food is fine. (There will be a financial contribution for the food and wine is provided).

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- Noticed that the caller is being overly helpful or friendly?

Protect others: have they...

- Been too trusting of visitors before?
- Mentioned an unexpected caller?
- Become frightened or worried about answering the door?
- Had money or valuables go missing?
- Often left doors or windows unlocked and therefore vulnerable to sneak-ins?

For further crime prevention advice contact your local Crime Prevention Officer on 101

Happy New Year

Now is a good time to plan what to grow in the garden this year (if you haven't already done it), from fruit/vegetables to flowers that attract birds and pollinators.

A good time too, to think about visiting gardens, country parks, going for walks, bus rides or looking out of the window.

Even at this time of year there is always something to see – look out for snowdrops, catkins, aconites.

There are books and websites to help you learn more about nature, identification of birds and plants, and read about inspiring people and their nature/conservation/lifestyle journeys and experiences.

- Charlotte Eley

Crossword Solution - Feb 2024

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 2 nd Feb	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Fri 2 nd Feb	10:00-12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 3 rd Feb	Morning	Tidy Churchyard	Ecton Church
Tues 6 th Feb	11:30-14:30	Ecton Winter Lunch Club	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 9 th Feb	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Wed 14 th Feb	20:00-	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Fri 16 th Feb	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Sun 18 th Feb	Afternoon	Anita's Toast Sunday	Three Horseshoes
Fri 23 rd Feb	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 23rd Feb	12:00-	EGO's Lunch Meeting	Ecton Village Hall
Sun 25 th Feb	Afternoon	Live Music - Brighton Riot	Three Horseshoes
Wed 28 th Feb	20:00-	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Thur 29 th Feb	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
March			
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April			
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Wed 24 th Apr	20:00-	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Thur 25 th Apr	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
June			
Sat 15 th June	TBC	Ecton Safari Supper	-----

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